**Encroachment of Defence Land**

215. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total defence land in each State;

(b) whether there have been a large scale encroachments of defence land in Delhi, Mumbai Pune and several other places; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to acquire the defence land from the encroachers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Details are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below)

(b) Instances of encroachments of defence land in Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and other places have been reported by the authorities entrusted with the management of Defence land and by the Service Headquarters.

(c) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the authorities for ensuring vigilance and detection, and prevention of encroachments, as well as removal of existing encroachments under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

**Statement**

(As on 1.1.1998)

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | Total land holdings (in acres) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 35042.228 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 4156.000 |
| 3. | Assam | 24548.200 |
| 4. | Bihar | 15893.304 |
| 5. | Delhi | 11422.706 |
| 6. | Goa | 3094.948 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 23247.820 |
| 8. | Haryana | 33697.933 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 5972.659 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 16216.468 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 29183.112 |

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | Total land holdings (in acres) |
|---|---|---|
| 12. | Kerala | 5228.277 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 219927.207 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 137316.920 |
| 15. | Manipur | 1284.489 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 5294.180 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 113.525 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 1646.470 |
| 19. | Orissa | 23226.018 |
| 20. | Punjab | 78410.822 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 827787.206 |
| 22. | Sikkim | 2520.488 |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 20954.090 |
| 24. | Tripura | 1782.135 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh | 152709.447 |
| 26. | West Bengal | 39498.139 |
| 27. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 8373.962 |
| 28. | Chandigarh | 2679.432 |
| 29. | Diu and Daman | 201.730 |
| | **TOTAL** | **17,31,429.915** |

216. .[Cancelled]

**Martyrs of Kargil Conflict from HP**

†217. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and detaiils of soldiers from Himachal Pradesh killed while driving away infiltrators from Kargil region and the aid or ex-gratia grant provided to each of them by the Central Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.